### Unit Information Sheet #1

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**Unit Title :** Who’s Smarter … Cats or Dogs?

**Keywords :** You should aim to learn these words so you can use them in your writing.

Linking words: *Firstly, … / Secondly, … / Lastly, … / However, …/ On the other hand, ... / Overall, … / Finally, … / In conclusion, … / In defence of … / In favour of*

Transition words: *First, … / Next, … / After this, … / Following that, … / Then, … / Now, … / At the end, …*

Prefixes: *un- / il- / im- / ir-*

Figurative Language: *similes (page 83)*

favour, compare, contrast, qualities, traits, positive, negative, defense, yowl, peep, tightrope, retrieve, exasperated, rotate, vessel, cargo, disorder, seizure, vibration, chemical, agitate, pneumonia, dense, highlight, popular, responsible, wide, legible, sour, predict, unconscious, accompany, talent, body language, species, versus, similarly

**Grammar :** Revise the following grammar patterns so you can use them in your writing.

Relative Clauses: gives information about a noun and always comes immediately after the

noun. See page 77 in ‘On Location’.

**Possible Writing Topics:** Brainstorm ideas for the following essay topics. Compare and contrast!

* *“Which animal would you choose? A dog or cat?”*
* *“People prefer to have dogs rather than cats”*
* *“Eating at restaurants is better than home cooked meals”*
* *“Village life vs city life”*
* *“Abu Dhabi vs Dubai”*
* *“Watching movies at home or at the cinema”*
* *“My two best friends”*
* *“McDonalds vs Burger King”*
* *“Where should I shop .. Marina or Abu Dhabi Mall?”*

***Can you think of any other things to compare?***

**We Are Learning To :** \* listen and read for relevant details

* use accurate grammar, spelling patterns and appropriate register
* paraphrase (reading information and changing it into your own words)
* use simile and idioms to make writing more interesting
* write an essay that compares and contrasts two different subjects

**Homework :** Read around the topic, revise keywords and grammar patters and practise writing

some essays!